

IN THE EL MIRAGE CITY COURT
COUNTY OF MARICOPA, STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
LIMITING COURT OPERATIONS)
DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH)
EMERGENCY)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2020-06
(Replacing Order 2020-005)

The Arizona Supreme Court has instructed Arizona Courts to take appropriate measures to reduce the number of people entering the courthouse to slow the potential spread of COVID-19 coronavirus disease or other communicable diseases.

With the Arizona Supreme Court's issuance of Administrative Order No. 2020-197 (Replacing Administrative Order No. 2020-177) this court is authorized to limit court operations during this public health emergency until notified by the Arizona Supreme Court.

IT IS ORDERED that Administrative Order 2020-05 is replaced by this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that from December 1st, 2020 through March 1st, 2021 with limited exceptions as set forth below, the El Mirage City Court will continue to minimize in-person proceedings in accordance with this Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-79.

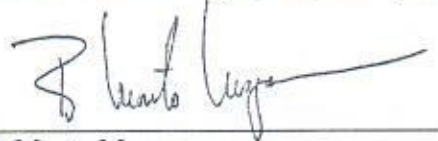
IT IS ORDERED that all in-person court business relating to fine payments, payment contracts, requests for defensive driving school enrollment be controlled to three court users inside the court lobby at a time.

IT IS ORDERED that clerical and judicial staff are authorized to perform the following actions:

- Limiting Courtroom to ten (10) court users in each area (Exception being defendants appearing to court with a minor child.)
- Returning to normal Court business hours to the public 7:00am to 5:30pm (Monday through Thursday)
- No jury trials will be scheduled before March 1st, 2020.
- Video in-custody hearings will proceed as normal.

- Liberal consideration regarding continuances for all Arraignments (both criminal and civil traffic cases) until 1 February 2021. Civil traffic matters may be resolved by fax, mail or during the courts hours of operation.
- All Protective Order proceedings will continue as normal and until further notice.
- Court Security will ensure that temperature checks and proper masking is adhered to for all court users as well as employees and they will notify the Court Director of anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 prior to having access to the courtroom.
- Provide defendants 60 days from conviction date to report for self-surrender jail commitments in efforts to minimize the risk of infection to defendants and individuals in jail facilities.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that time is excluded for speedy trial purposes and time standards/limits are suspended on criminal and civil charges as in the best interest of justice and public health, safety and welfare subject to orders regarding this from the Arizona Supreme Court.

DATED this 21th day of December, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Monte Morgan", written over a horizontal line.

B. Monte Morgan
Presiding City Judge
El Mirage City Court